

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Appeal Brief filed on 8/24/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview on 10/20/05 with George Stevens, 36,938

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace claim 1 as follow:

An electronic apparatus to which an input device is connected,
comprising:
a main unit;
a display unit rotatably attached to the main unit; and
a retaining mechanism retaining at least one portion of the input device
into a space which is formed between the display unit and the main unit when the
input device is not used,
wherein the input device is completely non-destructibly detachable from
the space.

Replace claim 7 as follow:

An input device detachably connected to an electronic apparatus having a
display unit rotatably attached to a main unit, the input device comprising: at least

one engaging member engaging the main unit so that at least one portion of the input device is retained into a space which formed between the display unit and the main unit, wherein the input device is completely non-destructibly detachable from the space.

Replace claim 8 as follow:

An electronic apparatus, comprising:

a main unit;

a keyboard detachable from the main unit;

a display unit rotatably attached to the main unit, and

a supporting member rotatably mounted to the main unit to hold the keyboard against the main unit when the supporting member is lowered from the main unit the keyboard is mounted on the supporting member, wherein when the keyboard is mounted on the supporting member and the display unit is rotated down, the keyboard is disposed in a space between the display unit and the main unit, wherein the input device is completely non-destructibly detachable from the space.

Replace claim 9 as follow:

A main unit used for an electronic apparatus to which an input device is connected, the electronic apparatus having a display unit rotatably attached to the main unit,

the main unit comprising a support member,

wherein the support member projects from a front surface of the main unit into a space formed between the display unit and the main unit, so that at least one portion of the input device is retained into the space when the input device is not used, and

wherein the input device is completely non-destructibly detachable from the space.


Conclusion

3. *Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim Huynh whose telephone number is (571)272-3635 or via e-mail addressed to [kim.huynh3@uspto.gov]. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9.00AM- 6:00PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Perveen can be reached at (571)272-3676 or via e-mail addressed to [rehana.perveen@uspto.gov].*

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571)273-8300 for regular communications and After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571)272-2100.

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